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Photo by Senior Airman Lanie McNeal

Coolio visits Kunsan

Senior Airman Yesenia Aleman, 8th Operations Support Squadron, met rapper Coolio Nov. 20 at the Falcon Community Center. Coolio was at Kunsan as part of a peninsula-wide United Service Organization tour.

Volunteer at the post office



The post office is looking for volunteers to help pitch mail during the Christmas mailing season. The times most needed are 7:30 a.m. -1 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8:30 a.m. -2 p.m. Saturdays. Every five hours worked will earn a free morale call. Come out and help deliver the Wolf Pack's mail!



Wolf's **Bytes**

Next week will mark the final exercise for 2001. Its has been a busy time compounded with preparations for the upcoming UCI; however, we cannot lose our focus to accomplish our mission even under the most challenging of circumstances. We will continue to be a lethal force capable of defeating any adversary. It takes total teamwork and a total commitment to make that happen. Each of you should be proud of that achievement.

With any exercise, there are a few items each of us should keep in mind. Let's start with an easy fix. There were a few people in past exercises not wearing reflective safety belts at night. It is imperative we wear them during exercises, especially at night when we often experience total black out conditions. Without a reflective safety belt, it is extremely difficult for drivers in vehicles to see people, increasing the likelihood one of our airmen or soldiers could be injured or killed by an unsuspecting driver. During all exercises, participants need to wear reflective safety belts.

Another area people need to continually brush up on is their Ability to Survive and Operate information. Responding to alarm conditions, and donning the proper protective gear should be second nature by now. If it isn't, continue to practice. Just because there isn't another exercise until near the end of February doesn't mean units shouldn't take time to conduct in-house training.

With the influx of new members at the Wolf Pack, we have to train our team to be lethal in combat. Dig into the ATSO guide and learn the material cold. Learn how to administer atropine and when it is required, know the signs of possible chemical contamination, or where to affix the M-8 tape on vehicles, buildings, etc. The information in the ATSO guide can save your life, or a fellow warrior's. Take the time to learn it.

Also, 'tis the season of cold weather. Therefore, let's be sure to dress warmly and not use the JLIST as winter wear. We need to be prepared and have the necessary parkas, gloves, and any other gear needed to protect you against the elements.

I would like to commend each of you for your tremendous performance throughout the year. We've really come together as a warfighting team, and I'd like to thank each of you for your commitment to the Wolf Pack.

God have mercy on the Wolf Pack's prey!

Kunsan airman convicted, sentenced in special court-martial here

By Capt. Chadwick Conn 8th Fighter Wing Legal office

A senior airman was found guilty of three specifications of Absent Without Leave and one specification of Failure To Obey An Order Nov. 2 by a military judge in a Special Court-Martial here.

Senior Airman Marques Burney, Communications Squadron, pleaded guilty to one specification of AWOL, not guilty to two specifications of AWOL, and not guilty to Failure to Obey an Order. The military judge heard the testimony of four witnesses from Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, three witnesses from Kunsan, one witness from SHAPE, Belgium, and one witness from Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio before finding the member guilty of the charges and specifications, in violation of Article 86 and Article 92, Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Burney was authorized emergency leave from

Kunsan in February, but failed to return at the end of his leave period. When the unit attempted to locate him, they learned he might be in the San Angelo, Texas, area. Several days after going AWOL, Burney was stopped by security forces while entering Goodfellow AFB. Burney was allowed to make new travel arrangements, but did not depart as scheduled. After receiving a third travel itinerary, Burney was instructed by an officer at Goodfellow to proceed directly to Kunsan by following that itinerary. According to the officer's testimony, "There was no ambiguity in that room as to what I expected him to do." However, instead of going to the airport the next morning, Burney told a friend, "If anyone calls, tell them I've left for the Midland International Airport." Burney then made two calls to the officer who issued the order over the next two days acting as though he was following the itinerary. After Burney failed to arrive in Korea for the third time, officials at Goodfellow placed him in custody and then escorted him from San Angelo to Los Angeles to ensure he boarded a plane for Korea. Burney finally arrived at Kunsan, 22 days after the expiration of his leave.

After the military judge announced his findings of guilty, the government and the defense presented evidence to the military judge to consider before sentencing. After reviewing all matters, the military judge sentenced Burney to four months confinement and reduction to E-1. The member is currently serving the confinement portion of his sentence at Camp Humphreys, Republic of Korea.

Burney requested trial before military judge alone. He faced a maximum punishment of six months confinement, two-thirds forfeiture of pay for six months, reduction to E-1, and a bad conduct discharge, the maximum that can be adjudged in a Special Court-Martial. All unexecuted portions of the sentence must be approved by the Special Court-Martial convening authority, Col. Burton Field, 8th Fighter Wing comman-



Staff Sgt. Miguel Baca



Pride of the Pack

Job: 8th Transportation Squadron NCO in charge of information management

Hometown: Socorro, N.M. Follow-on: Kirtland AFB, N.M.

Hobbies: Being with family, computers, coaching basketball and antiques.

Nominees are selected for outstanding service and dedication to their unit. To nominate an individual, contact the member's group commander.







An easy way to conserve energy is to be mindful of energy waste and turn off lights when you leave a room.